

Death of Colonel Wm. Riddle.

The painful news of the sudden death of Colonel William Riddle, east a deep gloom over the city yesterday.

It was only the evening before that he was in our office hearty and well—his many friends the very picture of health.

He was adjutant in the Louisville Legion, and served during the Mexican war—was beloved by his fellow-soldiers, and who will cherish his memory, and are now deploring his loss to them.

He had all the relations of life, he held a high position. Citizen, soldier, friend, he was esteemed by all.

But to his family is the overwhelming affliction; a wife and her young babies, his children, must ever feel the irreparable loss of the best of husbands and kindest of fathers.

Orders have been issued by the officers of the Legion, and all the public bodies, with which Colonel Riddle had been connected, for members to hold themselves in readiness to attend his funeral.

AARON BURR.—The Presbyterian Herald thus speaks of the last moments of this great, but misguided man:

"There were some facts connected with the closing scenes of Mr. Burr's life, which were told to us soon after they occurred, by one who received them from an eye witness, which we do not now remember to have been stated anywhere in print.

"During Mr. Burr's last illness, he was very restless and impatient towards those who were about his person, often indulging in profane and abusive language. His physician, observing that mortification had commenced in the extremities, thought it his duty to inform him of the fact, and to assure him that whatever preparations he might wish to make for death, should be made at once.

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Local and Personal.

William Wells, Ex-Parte.—This case was taken up yesterday morning in the Supreme Court of the United States; and it involves the following points: A marine, William Wells, was convicted of the murder of a youth, named Maudell, at the December (1851) term of the Criminal Court for the county of Washington, and was sentenced to be hanged on the 23d of April, 1852; but on that day the gallows having been erected and all other preparations made, President Fillmore granted him a pardon of the offense of which he was convicted, upon the condition that he be imprisoned during his natural life; in other words, commuting the sentence of death for imprisonment in the Penitentiary at Washington.

Wells accepted the pardon with the conditions annexed. But, on the 18th of April last, on the ground that the pardon was "absolute and the condition void," he prayed the Circuit Court for a writ of habeas corpus, which was awarded and issued. The court, however, refused to order his discharge, deciding that the President, by virtue of his office, had full authority for his action in the premises. Now, by his counsel, Colonel Charles L. Jones, he goes before the Supreme Court of the United States, asserting that the decision of the Circuit Court is erroneous and against law, and that his confinement is illegal and without just cause; hence he prays that the Supreme Court, in the due pursuance and execution of its appellate jurisdiction in such cases, will award and issue the proper writ of habeas corpus, directed to the marshal of the District of Columbia, with a view "that the petitioner be discharged from his illegal imprisonment."

The motion was yesterday argued by Mr. Jones in its support, and by the United States Attorney General in opposition to it.

The question is under the advisement of the court.

Astronomy.—Professor O. M. Mitchell, of Cincinnati, will deliver a course of six lectures, on astronomy, at the Smithsonian Institution, commencing on Monday night. The other lectures will be delivered on the 26th, 28th, and 31st of December, and on the second and fourth of January.

During the present week, the lectures at the Institution have been attended by many ladies and gentlemen; and on such occasions an hour may be there pleasantly and profitably spent.

"Coming Down."—The Ogdensburg (N. Y.) Sentinel, under this heading, says that "four fell in that village last week about seventy-five cents in the barrel," and that, as the "country is full of all kinds of produce, there is no cause to keep up the high prices." So we think; but in this vicinity, instead of produce "coming down," it is going up! Potatoes are the only description of food cheaper the present year than at this time during the last. The high tariff is particularly oppressive to the stomachs of the poor, while those in comfortable or affluent circumstances are far from being contented with the exorbitant demands upon their pockets.

Rev. W. W. Bennett has been appointed, by the Virginia Methodist Episcopal Church South conference, the presiding elder for this district, and the Rev. D. S. Doggett pastor of the Eighth street Church, in Washington. Rev. J. A. Ducauc is now stationed at Alexandria.

The Fine Arts.—There is now on exhibition, and for sale, at 500 Pennsylvania avenue, one of the handsomest collections of engravings ever brought to this city.

Winter's Chemical Dioramas and Crystal-line Views will be exhibited to-night, at the Varieties for the last time. They are truly beautiful.

Imports.—According to a statement of the Register of the Treasury, it appears that during the quarter ending the thirtieth of September last, the total amount of imports into Georgetown was \$19,568. Nothing exported to foreign countries.

The Hon. Thomas H. Bayly was recently at Charleston, S. C., on his way to Havana, for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Purchase, the "Excelsior" Card-writer, is at Willard's hotel, ready to serve the public in the line of his profession.

M. W. E. PURCHASE, EXCELSIOR CARD WRITER, AND MANUFACTURER OF METALLIC GRAVERS, AT WILLARD'S.

EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS. The attention of the public is respectfully called to the large and interesting

GALLERY OF FINE ENGRAVINGS, (best English Line, Mezzotints and Aquatints), at No. 500 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 2d and 3d streets, Washington.

Consisting of specimens of the following eminent masters: Landseer, Cooper, Bismarck, Herring, (and many others), and a large number of the works of the great masters of the art.

Such a collection has never before been seen in Washington. The entire stock will be disposed of at FIRST COST, and in some cases less than actual cost will be taken.

The proprietor desires to dispose of the same, as he must decline the business on account of ill health, and is now open for a few days only. Imported from London and Paris. Call early, as this opportunity can last but a FEW DAYS. Open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Dec 22—New Adams's Express office.

INFORMATION WANTED.—In the year of 1824, Martha A. Wells (a daughter of Alexander Wells, who then lived in Amelia County, Virginia, and who subsequently removed to the city of Petersburg and died there in August, 1855), went with a Mr. Spencer from the county of Greenville to one of the Western States. She was about sixteen years old and has never been heard from by her family in Virginia from that day to this. By the will of her father she is entitled to a portion of his estate, or, if she be dead, her children, if she or they be heard from within one year from the date of his death. Any information in respect to the said Martha A. Wells or her children, if she has any, would be beneficial to them, and be thankfully received by the family.

Address GEO. W. EASTWOOD, Petersburg, Va. Nov. 27—w4w.

CARD. ATTORNEY AT LAW, Indianapolis, Calhoun County, Texas. Practices in the Courts of the Tenth Judicial District; also in the Supreme and Federal Courts at Austin and Galveston.

Hon. A. P. Butler, U. S. Senator, S. Carolina. Hon. D. R. Atchison, U. S. Senator, Missouri. R. M. T. Hunter, U. S. Senator, Virginia. James M. Mason, U. S. Senator, Virginia. Geo. S. Cooper, Adj. Gen. U. S. A., Wash. D. C. Thomas Green, esq. Washington, D. C. C. M. Cameron, Pres't Bank of Balt., Md. Dec 6—U

WORK, or Plenty to Do and Hours to Do it, by M. M. Brewster, 1st and 2d series 75 cents.

Amusements.

THREE MORE NIGHTS OF THE DIORAMAS.

If you wish to be amused and see Paintings of a high character go to IRON HALL.

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Grand Exhibition of Chromotypes, Fading Crystal-line Views, and the Unrivalled Chemical Dioramas, at

KUNKEL'S VARIETIES, Will continue during the week, and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock, on which days Children admitted at 12 cts.

The exhibition will embrace a series of BEAUTIFUL CHRYSTALLINE VIEWS, Representing Moonlight, Summer and Winter Scenes, Cities, Ruins, Shipping Views, Landscapes, Sea Views, with Fire and Volcanic Eruptions. All of which are shown by the aid of the powerful Day-moon Light, and embrace

AFTER which a variety of splendid TURKISH CHROMATOPES, and the pleasing and laughable METAMORPHOSES, or Sudden Transformations.

To be followed by the large CHEMICAL DIORAMAS, which are peculiar to this entertainment alone.

The first Diorama Subject represents a view of THE MILAN CATHEDRAL.

The entertainment concludes with the splendid and brilliant subject, THE COURT OF BABYLON, with the night scene, showing the gorgeous and imposing Feast of Belshazzar.

Tickets of admission to this Great Entertainment, 25 cents only. Children under 12 years, 15 cents. The Exhibition commences at 7 1/2 o'clock.

N. B. Strangers will do well to remember that they now have an opportunity of witnessing the finest room entertainment on this continent.

Dec 20

VOCAL MUSIC.

MRS. FRANKLIN respectfully informs the Ladies of Washington, that she is prepared to give instruction in Vocal Music. From her long experience and professional intercourse with the best Artists of Europe and America, she feels confident that her method of instruction will impart correctness of style and expression and will render satisfaction.

For terms and hours apply to Mrs. F. at her residence, 65 E street, between 1st and 2nd streets. Reference is made to Mr. R. Davis and Mr. G. Hibbs, at their Music Stores on Pennsylvania Avenue. Dec 13

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.—A collection of Familiar Quotations, with complete Index, by William G. Smith, Esq., of New York. Published by TAYLOR & MAURY'S Bookstore, 500 Pennsylvania Avenue. Price \$2. Willard, two volumes; price \$2. Elie, or the Human Comedy, by John Eaton Cooke, author of "The Human Comedy," &c. TAYLOR & MAURY'S Bookstore.

FOR THE SPRING TRADE, Gent's Hosiery and Under-Clothing, STEVENSON'S Hotel, is now opening a fresh and large variety of Gent's Undershirts and Drawers. Also, a large assortment of silk and cotton Half-Hose, plain and striped. Feb 24—31 Sales Room, Brown's Hotel.

BROWN AND SHOOK, GENERAL COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS, RICHMOND, VA. And Agents for "Kerr's" and "Summerland" Old Rye, and P. Hanger's "Old Rye" Whisky. Premium brands. All letters promptly answered, and orders filled Feb 20—31

\$5 REWARD.—Strayed from the Com-mons, about 2 weeks since, a small speckle red and white Cow, with one horn half broken off—the other with a large bump on the side. If you find her, please to call on Mr. J. B. Smith, at No. 500 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 2d and 3d streets, Washington. The above reward will be paid by returning her to the owner, on 1st street, between 6th and 7th, No. 502. Dec 19

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS and Visitors to Washington, call on TAYLOR & MAURY'S Book and Stationery Store, near Ninth street, they will meet all their requirements. Their extensive stock, in addition to the following important works, comprises every department of Literature, Science, and Art.

New books received immediately on publication. Weekly importations from England. Calhoun's Works, 6 vols. Jefferson's Works, 9 vols. Webster's Works, 6 vols., autograph edition. Everett's Orations, 3 vols. Clay's Private Correspondence, 1 vol. S. S. Prentiss's Memoirs, 2 vols. Bancroft's History of the United States, 6 vols. Lincoln's Speeches, 4 vols. Hickey's Constitution, 1 vol. Jefferson's Manual, 1 vol. The Constitution of the United States, 1 vol. Elliott's Debates and American Papers, 6 vols. Marsh's Orators and Statesmen, 1 vol. Story's Works, 3 vols. Lives of Chief Justices of the United States, 1 vol. Lieber's Civil Liberty and Self Government, 2 vols. Wirt's Life of Patrick Henry, 1 vol. Kennedy's Life of Wirt, 2 vols. Carlyle's Life of John Ruskin, 1 vol. Party Letter, by Baldwin, 1 vol. De Toqueville's Democracy in America, 1 vol. The Federalist, 1 vol. Grimke's Nature and Tendency of Free Institutions, 1 vol. Constitutional Text-Book, 1 vol. Carey's Past, Present, and Future, 1 vol. Seaman's Progress of Nations, 1 vol. McMillon's American Debater, 1 vol. Future Wealth of America, 1 vol. Smith's Wealth of Nations, 1 vol. Every description of American English, and Foreign Stationery of the finest qualities, at the lowest prices. Visiting Cards engraved and printed with the greatest promptitude.

TAYLOR & MAURY'S, Dec 8—d1f Near Ninth street. JUVENILE BOOKS of a moral and religious character, five hundred or six hundred different kinds, beautifully illustrated. 100 portable Writing Desks, from \$2 50 to \$25; together with every kind of Fancy Stationery, which will be sold at less prices than they have ever been before. 500 Pennsylvania Avenue, near Adams's Express office. The Prophets, or Mormonism Unveiled, with illustrations; price \$1. Just published and for sale at

EVERETT HOUSE, North Side of Union Square, New York. THIS establishment, erected on the most prominent and delightful Park New York affords, is approaching a finish, and when completed, will combine all that skill can devise and money supply to render it the most desirable hotel yet constructed. The proprietors of this establishment respectfully announce that the house will be open on the first of October next for the accommodation of the public.

Applications will now be received from parties wishing to make arrangements for the winter months. The public patronage is respectfully solicited. CLAPP & JOSLIN, HAWLEY D. CLAPP, A. C. JOSLIN, Sept. 20—g

RAPPAHANNOCK ACADEMY, FOR LEASE OR RENT.—The subscribers, having determined to discontinue teaching school, offers for Lease or Rent the Rappahannock Academy, which has been in operation for the next four years. There has been a school at the place for forty years. It is situated seven miles below Fredericksburg, immediately on the road between that place and Port Royal. The locality can be surpassed by none for beauty or healthfulness, is supplied with all necessary buildings, which are in good repair and will accommodate seventy boarders.

Teachers wishing to keep a boarding school, will do well by calling to see the place before bargaining elsewhere. Address the subscriber at Port Royal, Caroline county, Virginia. Nov. 27—THOMAS R. THORNTON.

GAUTIER'S.—Just received a large assortment of Pate De Foies Gras, from Stras-burg, in small and large jars. GAUTIER, Jan 22—U

PROSPECTUS OF DE HOW'S REVIEW, volumes XIV and XV, adapted particularly to the needs of the States of the Union, including statistics of foreign and domestic industry and enterprise. Published monthly in New Orleans, at \$5 per annum, in advance.

A few complete sets of the work for sale on subscription, bound handsomely, (600 to 650 pages) are for sale at the office, New Orleans, delivered in any of the large cities or towns. Sep 7—U

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N. B. Office hours from 10 a. m. to 12 m., when persons, and their friends, by letter, and a Map of the Grounds, and all other information can be obtained.

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NAPOLEON AT ST. HELENA, OR interesting anecdotes and remarkable conversations of the Emperor during the five and a half years of his captivity, collected from the memoirs of the Emperor, and the history of the Emperor, and others. By John S. Abbott, with illustrations.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK. HORACE WATERS, the great Music and Piano Forte dealer, of Broadway, New York, has there a large parcel of his customers, rather than pay it to the shippers of Wall street, to raise available means to enable him to stem the present tight times, offers his immense stock of pianos at a large discount from factory prices, for cash. His assortment comprises Pianos from three of the largest and most celebrated Boston manufacturers; also those of several of the best New York makers, including the beautiful and much admired Horace Waters Pianos from his own factory, and Melodeons of the best Boston.

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PREMIUM DAGUERRETYPE taken at STEWART'S Gallery, Pennsylvania avenue, and pictures in best quality of cases from 50 cents and upwards. We invite the public to call and judge for themselves. March 17—d1mo

VARIETY BOOT AND SHOE STORE. LADIES ALPINE BOOTS.—Just received from the Alps, a large stock of Ladies' Alpine Boots, together with a large and general assortment of Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boys, Youths, and Children's Boots and Shoes for sale by 340 Pennsylvania Avenue, Adjoining Patterson's Drug Store. Dec 1

LAND WARRANT AND BANKING. House of J. M. Clarke & Co.—We are always paying above New York market prices for warrants sent us by mail, and return right drafts the same day they are received. Address J. M. CLARKE & CO., Washington City, D. C. Sept 20—1m

JOHN H. BUTHMANN, Importer and Dealer in Wine, Brand, Cigars, &c., Pennsylvania Avenue, south side, between 4th and 6th streets, has received a part of his fall supplies: Madeira, Sherry, Port, of various grades and prices. Cognac Brand, pale and dark, from a very high order to a fair article. Scotch Whisky, Schiendang G. of superior quality. Jamaica Rum, Monongahela Whisky, extra fine. Caracao, red and white, (Anisette of Dusseldorf), and the Life of John Ruskin, 1 vol. London Brown Stout. Edinburgh Scotch Ale. Champagne of Mumm's and Moet & Chandon's, and other fine wines. Also, a large assortment of Rhine Wine, (some sparkling and French fine, red and white, and the highest price to a fine Bordeaux wine. Dec 6

\$50 REWARD.—Lost on Saturday evening, between 5th street and the Theatre, or at the latter place, a small memorandum book, containing \$140 in \$5's and \$10's of the Patriotic Bank chiefly, one paper of the National Bank, and some loose papers in the book of no possible use to any but the owner. If the same has fallen into honest hands, I will give Fifty Dollars reward for the return thereof; if in the hands of a thief, it is hoped he will return the book and papers.

372 Penn. avenue, corner 9th street. Dec 11—3

SCOTT'S WEEKLY PAPER.—The publisher of this large and popular family journal, and the only one of its kind in the country, has determined to publish a new and improved edition of the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new features will be a new and brilliant series of original romances by George Lippard, entitled "Legends of the Last Century," which have read Mr. Lippard's celebrated "Legends of the American Revolution," published for fifty-six consecutive weeks in the "Saturday Evening Post," and which have been the power and brilliancy of his previous productions. The first of a series of original romances, called "Morris Hartley, or the Knight of the Mystic Valley," which is already published, is about to be commenced. It will be handsomely illustrated by twelve fine engravings, and its startling incidents cannot fail to elicit undivided praise. Emerson Bennett, the distinguished novelist and author of "Viola, etc.," is also engaged to furnish a brilliant novel to follow the above. Mrs. Mary Andrews Denison, author of "Home Pictures," "The Olden Days," and "The Olden Days," will continue a splendid domestic novellette, entitled "The Olden Days," and H. C. Watson an illustrated story called "The Two Edges"—a graphic picture of the novel "The Olden Days," which has already been published, and the new of the last graphic edition, full reports of the provision, money, and stock markets, letters from travelers at home and abroad, &c., &c.

Terms.—One copy one year \$2; two copies one year \$3; four copies one year \$5; one copy one year, and one to the getter up of the club; \$10; twenty copies one year and one to the getter up of the club, \$20.

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The Daily GLOBE will be printed on a double royal sheet at eleven o'clock every morning, except Sunday, and will contain all the messages of the President of the United States; the reports of the Executive Department; the entire proceedings of Congress; the laws passed during the session; and the news by telegraph and from other sources up to the hour of going to press. The fourth issue of the year, which will be the thirty-fifth, and sometimes more than a hundred columns a day. Whenever they make more than twenty-eight columns a day, extra sheets are printed.

TUESDAY'S CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE will be published every Tuesday morning, and contain the proceedings of Congress in a condensed form; the reports of the Executive Department; the entire proceedings of Congress; the laws passed during the session; and the news by telegraph and from other sources up to the hour of going to press. The fourth issue of the year, which will be the thirty-fifth, and sometimes more than a hundred columns a day. Whenever they make more than twenty-eight columns a day, extra sheets are printed.

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